

To: Cristiano, Gina[Cristiano.Gina@epa.gov]
From: Robert Stewart
Sent: Tue 8/18/2015 5:18:04 PM
Subject: RE: Request for USFWS assistance/input on the Gold King Mine Incident

Drue, John, and Maria are all in the Regional meeting of FWS Contaminants folks today, tomorrow, and Thursday, so it may be Friday before you hear back.

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Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2015 11:10 AM
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Cc: John Wegrzyn@fws.gov; robert_f_stewart@ios.doi.gov; Myers, Craig; Rothery, Deirdre; Ackerman, Joyce
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Hello Drue,

I'm sending this note as a follow-up to the voicemail I left yesterday. I will try calling you again today as well.

We were given your information as the point of contact for coordinating EPA's response work and other considerations relative to the Gold King Mine incident operations in Silverton and Durango, Colorado. Specifically we are interested in speaking with you or your staff regarding a couple of items. Those are:

- Because this is a CERCLA (aka Superfund) response, we are reaching out to stakeholders to identify ARARs (Applicable or Relevant and Appropriate Requirements). In case you are unfamiliar with this, the regulations require stakeholders or support agencies to assist with identifying regulations that might apply to the actions we are taking. We are aware of some, such as the Endangered Species Act and Migratory Bird Treaty Act, but we want to ensure we're not missing any. We also want to understand how these regulations are intended to protect trustee resources so that we might mitigate our response actions, if possible, to avoid any potential impacts. Note, under CERCLA we don't necessarily follow the standard permitting processes defined in each statute or regulation (something we can discuss more with you or your staff).
- We would appreciate USFWS assistance and participation in public outreach and/or development of materials that might help communicate EPA-DOI/USFWS coordination requirements and practices.

If there is someone stationed in or near Durango that could participate in the Incident Command Post on these items, that would be ideal. We look forward to talking with you and your staff on this matter. The best way to reach me right now is via email or cell – 303-349-0661.

Regards, Gina

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